GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CIVIL MILITARY LIAISON CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether army and civil officials have decided to join forces and fight against subversive activities of the Pak intelligence agency and the growing menace of terrorism in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Civil Military Liaison Conference was held at the headquarters of Meerut Sub Area;

(c) if so, the details of various issues of mutual assistance and problems related to mass and internal security discussed;

(d) the outcome of the discussion thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to create such agencies to check the activities of Pakistani intelligence throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 537 FOR 29.8.2001

Law and Order, being a State subject, is essentially the responsibility of the State Government.Full co-operation and assistance is, however, provided to the Civil authorities, whenever asked for, in accordance with the `Instructions of Aid to the Civil Authorities by the Armed Forces - 1970`. In so far as the specific issue of activities of the said foreign intelligence outfit is concerned, a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach involving both Central and State security agencies has been adopted for tackling such activities.

2. A Civil Military Liaison Conference was held at Headquarters, Meerut Sub-Area on 3rd May 2001Such conferences are held from time to time. A number of issues, including identification of sensitive areas, co-ordination between the concerned civil and military authorities to deal with security threats, assistance by the army in the context of natural calamities, ex-servicemen`s welfare, relief to war widows etc., were discussed.